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GREETINGS

IN looking forward to a New Era of growth and development in the South African Mission we wish to pay tribute to those who laboured before us. They all worked faithfully and well to establish our Father's Kingdom. We who have the high honour to now serve should resolve to do our part. For the field is indeed white, all ready to harvest.

Every member of the church should live so his life will reflect credit upon the Church. Every officer in the branches; every district officer should learn his duty so the Church can function as intended by our Heavenly Father. Every new convert should be welcomed into the Church with friendship and love. Every person in South Africa should be given the opportunity to hear the story of the Restoration of the Gospel. "That," as Alma said of old, "there might not be more sorrow in all the world."

If we all do our part it is not hard to picture the need for ten additional chapels in the South African Mission during the next two years to house our people.

Let us all work together so the honest in heart everywhere may come into our Heavenly Father's Kingdom.

President O. Layton Alldredge and family.

Sister Hilda Alldredge

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SOUTHERN MESSENGER

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CHURCH SENDS AID TO CHILE

Elder Henry D. Taylor, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve and managing director of the Church Welfare Programme, said the First Presidency had approved the shipment of 2,500 blankets, three tons of winter clothing, including many coats, 5,000 penicillin shots, 540 rag rugs for sleeping mats and 131 pairs of shoes to earthquake shattered Chile to aid the homeless.

A Church-Wide drive for contributions to aid Chile recover from the greatest disaster in its history has also been approved by the First Presidency of the Church.

This action was authorized following a report by Elder Marion G. Romney of the Council of Twelve after his return from a conference in Washington, D.C., called by President Eisenhower. The American Red Cross and representatives of 13 other private groups concerned with giving voluntary assistance to the people of Chile attended.

MIA PROGRAMME ON TELEVISION

The youth programme developed through the Mutual Improvement Association of the Church has drawn national recognition and attention through the CBS television system.

Pictures of youth in action were taken over the four-day period of June Conference in which colourful demonstrations were presented in MIA dance workshop, music festival, softball, camp sports and an Explorer speciality fair. Interviews were held with leaders of youth and representative young men and young women of the MIA.

The programme was released over the CBS television system Sunday, June 9th.

The test of every religious, political, or educational system is the man that it forms. — Amiel

A Welcome And A Farewell

by Johanna Fourie
Mission Primary Supervisor.

AS in nature the sunshine and the shadows are intermingled, so too, are joys and sorrows in human life.

Once again in the history of the South African Mission this truth comes home with all the striking force of demonstration. On the one hand a warm welcome to President and Sister Alldredge and family, and on the other hand, a sorrowful farewell to President and Sister Fisher and Dianne.

President and Sister Alldredge will find many relatives and old friends among those waiting to welcome them. We appreciate their loyal obedience to the call from the First Presidency, for loyalty is the primary element in the strong and noble character of every man and woman of intrinsic worth. We welcome them whole-heartedly.

Our thoughts reflect back to the time, three and a half years ago, when President and Sister Fisher, Gary and Dianne arrived in this country. They won our love and admiration from the very beginning of their mission.

We are reminded of the reason why these God-fearing people left their homeland—Canada—and the rest of their family and were so willing to serve a mission for the Church in our land. Their purpose was to help us to worship God more diligently and to give our youth the teaching and training they were convinced were so vital to them.

We lift up our hearts and voices

in acknowledgment and praise for the great advancements that came through them in this mission.

How often have we felt that we could not adequately express our gratitude for some favour or blessing that we have received at the hand of another?

A young man felt this way towards Benjamin Franklin who had given him \$1,000 to finish his education. The boy wanted to do more than just repay the money, for no monetary value could be placed upon the blessing he had received. "What can I do to show my appreciation?" he asked. "Go and do the same for someone else" was Benjamin Franklin's reply.

If we were to ask President and Sister Fisher how we can show our gratitude to them for their love and inspired leadership and the sacrifices they made, I am certain their reply would be, "The only way you can show your appreciation to us, is for you to cherish the Gospel and guard its principles with all your might, and hand it down to your fellowmen in all its purity and strength."

Specifically, how can we as Primary workers show our gratitude for the guidance that has come to us through these beloved leaders? No matter what is our particular calling — President, Secretary, teacher, organist—we should give it the best we have. No position is any greater than another in its importance and conversely, no position is less important than another — all fit into the whole pattern of the Primary work. Each of us has a contribution to make and the picture is incomplete unless we individually give our finest effort. If we try earnestly to do the Lord's work He will not forsake us. May our thoughts and deeds ever express our gratitude because of those who went before us to point the way.

We humbly pray God's choicest blessings to abide with President and Sister Fisher and their family, and we say "*Alles van die Beste.*"

He who kindles others must first himself glow

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

IT has now been a year since Brother Johann Brummer was set apart for the important assignment of translating the Book of Mormon into Afrikaans. Considerable progress has been made during this time and many problems have been ironed out so that now, as we face the second year, the laborious work of translating will run much more smoothly and perhaps by this time next year, we will see the conclusion of this wonderful project.

Serving with Brother Brummer we have a very enthusiastic committee—Brother and Sister Charldu Plessis, Andre Naude and John Scheltema. Other helpers have been called upon to assist such as Willem Maritz of the Mowbray Branch and Sister Nel of Ramah. To all of these people we express gratitude, and it is our earnest prayer that God will bless them abundantly as they continue in this great work.

Perhaps we are not all aware of the many problems that Brother Brummer and his committee have to contend with. They have asked for our faith and prayers, and I feel we should respond. In a recent letter from Brother Brummer he outlines some of these difficulties encountered, and in order that you might feel with us the urgency of their need of our prayers an excerpt from this letter now follows:

"The work of translating a book such as the Book of Mormon is a most exacting task. In religious discussion so much can turn on a word, a construction or even a comma, that the greatest care has to be taken in translation. I have gained a greater testimony of the divinity of this book than I have even had before. In order to translate it into another language, one has to penetrate to the very soul of it, and many of its beauties which are hidden behind difficult constructions and obtuse concepts, are revealed upon detailed study and

analysis. When we read scriptures we are satisfied if we gain just the drift of the argument, and difficult parts are passed over—in the case of translation, every word and concept must be fully understood and appreciated.

"To perform a work such as this is beyond the capacity of unaided human intelligence. I can testify that the Lord will not allow His teachings to be adulterated through the ignorance or incompetence of human beings, and I believe that I can say in all humility that the Lord has not forgotten me in this work. I have often been amazed at the way in which my mind has been opened to the solution of problems in translation. This work has proved to be a great blessing to me. It has led me to a more spiritual life, because I have found that I cannot rely on receiving the much needed guidance in the work if my thoughts are not in tune with the Lord. I said that the Lord has not forgotten me in this work. Similarly, Satan is much concerned, and I have discovered that his influence in my private life is more noticeable than ever. Nevertheless, his efforts will be of no avail, as God will not allow His work to be thwarted at this stage in the history of the world.

"I sincerely hope that you will remember my efforts and those of my friends who are working with me on this project, as I am certain that your prayers will be of great assistance to us."

Let us all rally around our translation committee and lend a helping hand. A few words of encouragement, our prayers, an interest in the project will be a great boon to them.

Translating the Book of Mormon into Afrikaans is very dear to my heart. It will be a joyous day for me when I read of its completion. May the Lord prosper the work of this great mission.

Duty and Courage

IN D & C 107:99-100 we read, "Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence. He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand, and he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved, shall not be counted worthy to stand."

Duty is what one is to do, because it is right. It is our duty to pray because God has commanded it. It is our duty for the same reason to honour our parents, keep holy the Sabbath Day, tell the truth, and love our fellow men to such an extent that we will treat them as we wish to be treated. So duty rounds out the whole sum of life . . . duty to God and duty to man. Obedience to duty at all costs and risks is the very essence of the highest civilised life.

Obedience is one of the first lessons of childhood. Doing what one has set to do is one of the ways to build character. That is duty. Duty is the end and aim of the highest life, and the truest pleasure comes from fulfilling it. Not only pleasure comes from doing duty, but manly character. Duty holds you upright and makes you strong. It makes you think of the right thing to be done, and the best and the right way of doing it. It brings peace and contentment. Duty dominated Lord Nelson's mind, for just before going into battle at Trafalgar he expressed these famous watch words, "England expects every man to do his duty."

It is our duty to acknowledge when we have made an error. It is our duty to correct any error we have made, even if it means humbling ourselves in admitting our error.

We in the church have many duties to perform. Duties that will be of help to those who preside over us, duties that will help our fellow men to have an opportunity to accept the Gospel as it has been given to the world in these the latter-days. We have a duty to our homes and our loved ones, to keep peace and harmony there. We have a duty to ourselves to live that we can feel sure of returning to the presence of our Father in Heaven.

It takes a lot of courage to always do our duty in the correct manner. Thayer says "It requires more courage in the average youth to do right than to do wrong." It is moral courage that characterises the highest order of manhood and womanhood. The courage to speak, think and seek the truth. The courage to be just, to be honest, to resist temptation; the courage to act right and to do one's duty. This true moral courage often requires more and greater self-sacrifice than the courage that wins battles, defies tempests at sea.

It takes courage to do your duty in the face of ridicule. One, especially when he is young and in the company of other young people who have not the same high ideals as he, finds it most trying to face the ridicule hurled at him by these young boys and girls.

Let us then resolve to be brave and not cowards, hence we will strive for courage to do what is right, and to do our duty as well as we can at all times. And the Lord will uphold us as we strive to serve Him and our fellow men.

To all my very good friends in the South African Mission I'd like to take this opportunity of saying farewell and to thank all the very wonderful people, who have always treated us so royally and opened their homes to us.

We have enjoyed your very fine hospitality and kindnesses shown to us when visiting in your homes and in your branches.

May the Lord's choicest blessings be with you always, and may we meet again.

Your Sister in the Gospel,
MAVIS E. LOUW.

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INSTRUCTOR DRIVE—JULY — 17-30

ARE YOU AN INSTRUCTOR SUBSCRIBER? WHY NOT?

THE Sunday Schools of the mission are beginning their **INSTRUCTOR** drive this month. All Sunday Schools should have an **INSTRUCTOR** Director to direct the drive. We are not working for a 50% goal but 100% participation from all Sunday School officers and teachers in the mission. This plus the goal of giving every member in the branch the opportunity of subscribing. This is the goal of the mission. What will be your goal?

There are several features of the new **INSTRUCTORS** that it might be well to bring to the attention of all officers and teachers and members of the Church. These include:

1. **FULL-COLOUR COVERS** illustrating Mormon ideals of human relationships. These pictures are most appealing and unique cover subjects, and make excellent enrichment material for classroom and home use.

2. **FULL-COLOUR CENTRE-SPREAD PICTURES:** Paintings by world-famous artists, both old masters and contemporaries, are selected for these centre-spread illustrations, which are prized as enrichment material by teachers and parents throughout the Church.

3. **STORIES AND ILLUSTRATIONS** for use with younger classes, including the popular Flannel Board series.

4. **SONGS AND HYMNS** with music for special occasions.

5. **ARTICLES ORIENTED TO SPECIFIC LESSONS**—There are specific enrichment materials in each issue for every course in the Sunday School.

6. **TEACHER'S GUIDE TO CONTENT** shows in graphic form the application of each article and feature to scheduled Sunday School lessons. It gives each teacher and administrator a guide to **priority reading**.

7. **EDITORIALS** to inspire and instruct—by President David O. McKay, Superintendent George R. Hill, Wendell Ashton, and many more.

8. **CHARTS** that show Gospel principles in graphic form.

9. **SPECIAL FAMILY FEATURES** aid religious instruction in the home.

10. **VITAL INFORMATION FOR EVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER EVERY MONTH**—including counsel on administration and programming, special lessons for conference Sundays, lesson schedules, questions and answers about administrative problems, and many others vital to every Sunday School worker.

Let's make this a banner year for the **INSTRUCTOR**!

SACRAMENT GEMS		July	August
Sr. S/S	3	Nephi 9:14	3 Nephi 9:14
Jr. S/S		Matt. 5:48	3 Nephi 18:7

No man can teach the gospel of Jesus Christ under the inspiration of the living God and with power from on high unless he is living it.

—President Heber J. Grant

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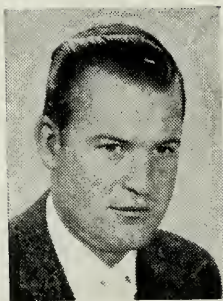


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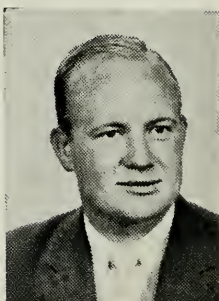


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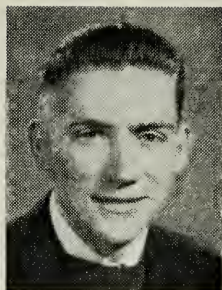
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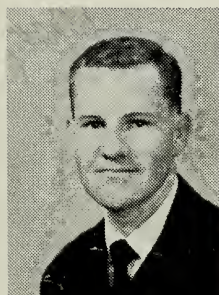


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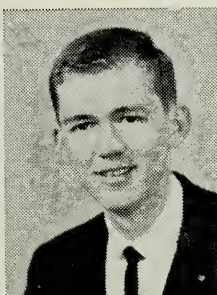
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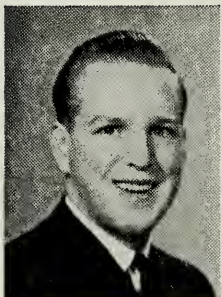
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“We will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for we know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them to accomplish the thing which he commandeth them.”

1 Nephi 3:7



J. RAYMOND JOHNSON
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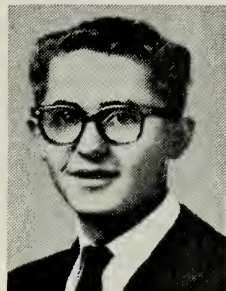
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“Behold, the field is white already to harvest; therefore, whoso desireth to reap let him thrust in his sickle with his might, and reap while the day lasts, that he may treasure up for his soul everlasting salvation in the Kingdom of God.”

D. & C. 6:3

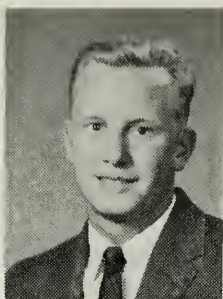
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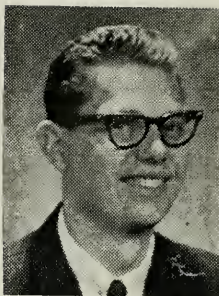
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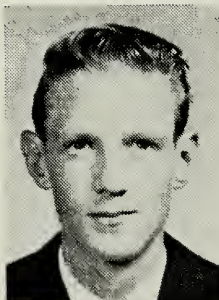
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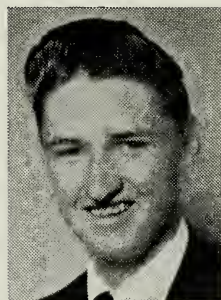
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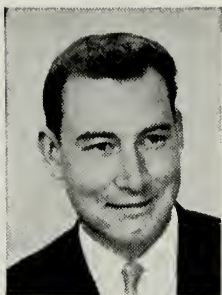
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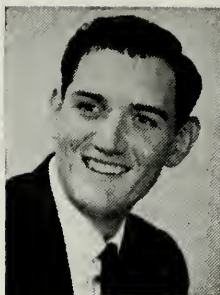
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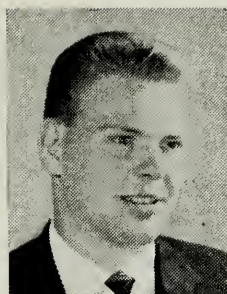
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**“Go ye, into all the world, preach the
gospel to every creature, acting in the
authority which I have given you, baptizing
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost.”**

D. & C. 68:8



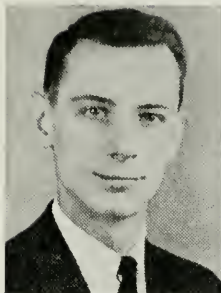
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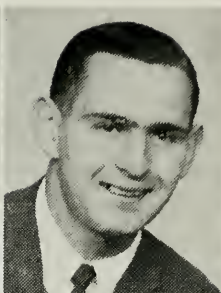
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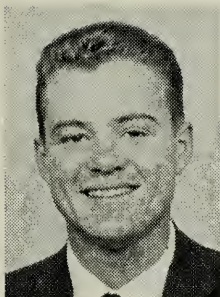
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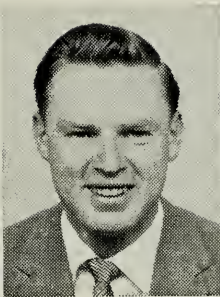
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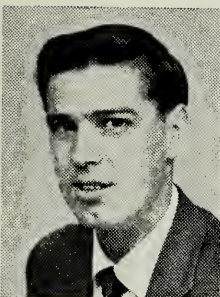
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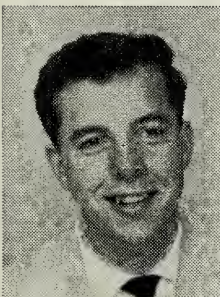
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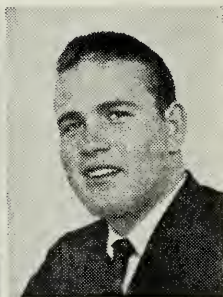
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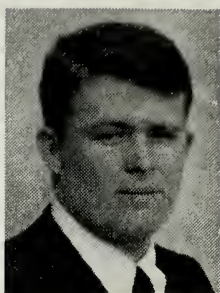
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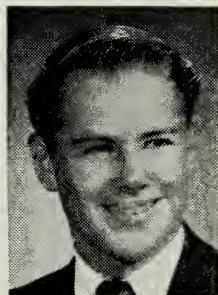


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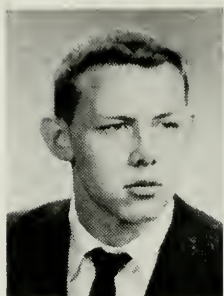
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Northern Rhodesia

The missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints go out into the world — not to criticize others, not to find fault, but to say to our Father's other children:

“Keep all the good that you have received, keep all the truth that you have learned, all that has come to you in your homes, in your institutions of learning, and then let us divide with you additional truths that have been revealed by our Heavenly Father in our day.”

President Heber J. Grant

Now behold, a marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men.

Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day.

Therefore, if ye have desires to serve God ye are called to the work;

For behold the field is white already to harvest; and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he perisheth not, but bringeth salvation to his soul;

And faith, hope, charity and love, with an eye single to the glory of God, qualify him for the work.

Remember faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humility, diligence.

Ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Amen.

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Missionary Activities

TRANSFERS

	From	To
Gary Haddock	Durban	Virginia
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Gary Howlett	Pretoria	Kitwe
Raymond Johnson	Boksburg	Kimberley
Douglas Luke	Kitwe	Pretoria
Dale Shreeve	Virginia	Durban
Rudolph Varga	Johannesburg	Salisbury
Thomas Youd	Salisbury	Pretoria
Donovan Zollinger	Kimberley	Johannesburg

APPOINTMENTS

Melvin Cox, Supervising Elder, West Rand District.
Thomas Youd, Supervising Elder, Pretoria District.

RELEASED

Harold Coad of Cherry Grove, Alberta, Canada. He laboured in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Pietermaritzburg, Port Elizabeth, and Pretoria. He served as Supervising Elder of the Port Elizabeth and Pretoria Districts.

Dennis S. Bullock of Welling, Alberta, Canada. He laboured in Port Elizabeth, Salisbury, Gwelo, Cape Town, and Johannesburg. He served as Travelling Elder and Supervising Elder of the West Rand District.

Jeanette Milne of Port Elizabeth, Cape Province. She laboured in Cape Town, Pretoria, and Durban.

Odessa Geldenhuys of Mowbray, Cape Province. She laboured in Port Elizabeth, Bloemfontein, Pretoria, and Durban.



ODESSA GELDENHUYS



DENNIS S. BULLOCK



JEANETTE MILNE



HAROLD COAD

South African Mission Statistics

BAPTISMS

BESTER, Andre Cornelius, (Mowbray) b. John C. Scheltema, c. Richard W. Smith, 5 June, 1960.

HERBST, Emmerentia, (Pietermaritzburg) b. Elder Joseph J. Wilson, c. Elder Arlan M. Smith, 22 May, 1960.

HOLMES, Derrick Lancelot, (Pietermaritzburg) b. Elder Joseph J. Wilson, c. Elder Arlan M. Smith, 22 May, 1960.

HOLMES, Maria Sophia, (Pietermaritzburg) b. Elder Arlan M. Smith, c. Elder Joseph J. Wilson, 22 May, 1960.

HUCKER, Geraldine, (Mowbray) b. John Scheltema, c. Don Harper, 5 June, 1960.

LAMONT, Barbara Yvonne, (Ramah) b. Elder Dennis Bullock, c. Kenneth B. Chater, 10 April, 1960.

MARITZ, Dalene, (Mowbray) b. Andrew Fourie, c. Willem H. Maritz, 1 May, 1960.

MARITZ, Marietta, (Mowbray) b. Andrew Fourie, c. Willem H. Maritz, 1 May, 1960.

MILLS, Anna Elizabeth, (Mowbray) b. Elder Dale Melville, c. Willem H. Maritz, 5 June, 1960.

MILLS, George Henry, (Mowbray) b. Elder Thomas Smith, c. Donn C. Park, 5 June, 1960.

OUWEKERK, Lesley Carol, (Durban) b. Gerard M. Ouwerkerk, c. Joseph M. Jakins, 22 May, 1960.

SPEAR, Wendy Spencer, (Bloemfontein) b. C. Henry Spear, c. C. Henry Spear, 7 February, 1960.

TOWNSEND, Glenda, (Durban) b. Elder Barry D. Parkinson, c. Elder E. Kent Hutchings, 22 May, 1960.

BIRTHS

DU PLESSIS, Rocco Andre, (Out) Son of Charl H. and Christine R. du Plessis, 12 April, 1960.

BLESSINGS

BURNETT, Karin Louise, (Durban) 17 April, 1960 by Charles Ivor R. van Coller.

DU PLESSIS, Rocco Andre, (Out) 24 April, 1960 by Elder Douglas Olson.

FOUCHE, Carol Dianne, (Primrose) 21 February, 1960 by Clarence Norbury.

GILBERSON, Colin, (Out) 23 May, 1960 by Elder Douglas B. Luke.

HELM, Christopher, (Out) 21 December 1959 by Hugh Helm.

LAWRENCE, Rory, (Pretoria) 7 June, 1959 by Elder Robert L. Milne.

LAWRENCE, Sandy, (Pretoria) 7 June, 1959 by Elder David C. Simpson.

MCNIGHT, Robert Dean, (Ramah) 3 April, 1960 by Nicholas H. van Staden.

MCTAVISH, Kelvin, (Out) 29 May, 1960 by Elder Douglas B. Luke.

MONRO, Beverly Maureen, (Durban) 22 May, 1960 by Joseph M. Jakins.

MONRO, Heather Susan, (Durban) 22 May, 1960 by Ray Gordon Wilson.

MOORE, Alwyn Vivianne, (Ramah) 3 April 1960 by Kenneth Sutherland.

PIETERSE, Cornelius Johannes, (Ramah) 6 September, 1959 by Elder John Scheltema.

PIETERSE, Renette, (Ramah) 1 May 1960 by Clarence Norbury.

ORDINATIONS

CUTSFORTH, Roger Edward, (Salisbury) Deacon, 8 May, 1960 by Hubert Hodgkiss.

DU PLESSIS, Charl Hendrick, (Out) Teacher, 14 April 1960, by J. Lion-Cachet.

FOURIE, Coenraad Willem, (Luanshya) Elder, 26 May, 1960 by President Glen G. Fisher.

GRIFFITH, Robert, (Port Elizabeth) Deacon, 29 May, 1960 by Leonard John Griffith.

MCCALLUM, Ian Douglas, (Out) Priest, 4 October, 1959 by John F. Stemmet.

SCHONNBERG, Geoffrey Stuart, (Salisbury) Deacon, 8 May, 1960 by Kenneth Trotter.

STEMMET, Joe Fredericus, (Out) Deacon, 4 October 1959 by Johan F. Stemmet.

WRENCH, Ian Sinclair, (Ramah) Teacher, 10 April 1960 by Wilfred S. Wrench.

VAN ZYL, Christian Rudolph Jacobus, (Pretoria) Teacher, 10 April 1960 by Petrus C. Faber.

MARRIAGES

BOSSE, Lavinia Gertie (Durban) to Ralph Charles Grove, 29 April, 1960 at Durban.

COOPER, Rhona Joan (Pretoria) to Joseph Taylor, 7 November, 1959 at Pretoria.

EVERTON, Eric Neville (Port Elizabeth) to Gwendoline Nunn, 3 June, 1960 at Port Elizabeth.

KENDRICK, Claire Blanche (Bloemfontein) to **Robert Lloyd Milne** (Bloemfontein), 2 April, 1960 at Bloemfontein.

KIRSTEN, Shirley Moira (Mowbray) to **Bernard Vincent Milne** (Bloemfontein), 2 April, 1960 at Bloemfontein.

SHIELS, Cynthia Grace (Port Elizabeth) to Joseph Baise, 31 April, 1960 at Durban.

YOUR QUESTION ANSWERED

By **PRESIDENT GLEN G. FISHER**

QUESTION:

What is the status of a murderer? Will he eventually be forgiven?

ANSWER:

IN 1 John 5:16-17 we are told that murder is a sin unto death. In 1 John 3:15 the statement is made that no murderer hath Eternal Life abiding in him. The D & C 42:79 states quite clearly that there is no forgiveness for a murderer. It is quite clear, therefore, that a murderer cannot enter

into the Terrestrial or Celestial Kingdom. Murderers are forgiven, but only in the sense that all sins are forgiven except the sin against the Holy Ghost. They are not forgiven in the sense that Celestial salvation is made available to them. After they have paid the full penalty for their crime they shall go on to a Telestial inheritance. *"For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."* Rev. 22:15.

A Worthy Project

THE Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City will soon receive a shipment of wooden animals from the South African Mission. This project was started at our Mission-wide auxiliary convention in Johannesburg by the Primary Association and has received wholehearted support from every Primary in the Mission. Sister Johanna Fourie, our Mission Supervisor of Primaries, made the collection of funds, and the response far exceeded the goal set.

The animals, including most of Africa's wild life, were purchased by President and Sister Fisher during their recent visit to Rho-

desia, and the presentation to the hospital will be made during their visit to Salt Lake City following their return home.

We congratulate the Primaries on this worthy undertaking. The crippled children, many of whom are confined to their beds, will love these animals.

The following is a list of Primaries and contributions made:

Salisbury, £1/1/-; Bloemfontein, £1; Durban (Point), 15/-; Primrose, £1; Pretoria, £1; Hermanus, 10/-; Luanshya, £1; Gwelo, £1; East London, £1; Johannesburg, £1/10/-; Springs, £1; Mowbray, £1; Krugersdorp, £1—TOTAL £12/16/-.

BELLVILLE BRANCH

by Marein Goosen

It was wonderful to have as our guest speakers on Sunday, 12th June, the Leslie R. Halse family of Salt Lake City. They were members of this branch when they emigrated from this country seven years ago. We wish these fine people a happy holiday here in South Africa and we are looking forward to seeing them again before they return to the United States.

The Bellville branch wishes to extend a hearty welcome to President Alldredge and his family and



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we pray that the Lord will bless them in their work of directing the affairs of the Church here in South Africa.

We are grateful that it has been our privilege and pleasure to know President and Sister Fisher. Their devotion to duty will always help to strengthen our testimonies and we are confronted in the sure knowledge that they will indeed be blessed for their work here in South Africa.

We are happy to welcome Brother and Sister Roelf van Rooyen as members of this branch and we are looking forward to associating and serving with them.

BULAWAYO BRANCH

by Irish Fourie

The MIA is now having ballroom dancing lessons and we must say that the young folk are enjoying themselves and doing very well under the instruction of Sister Marge Austin.

We regret to report that Ronney Hertog broke his arm when he took to flying. Alice Storey has decided to be in fashion and developed mumps. All is well with the rest of the members in spite of our exceptionally cold weather.

Back from leave are President and Sister Isaac and family,

Brother and Sister Reeder and family, and Sister Yates and family.

We were happy to have President and Sister Fisher pay us their farewell visit. Unfortunately Sister Fisher took ill and was unable to attend our Sunday service. We pray that her health may soon be restored, and to them we say "Totsiens"—till we meet again. The Gwelo district travelled down to Bulawayo especially to say farewell to President and Sister Fisher.

Passing through Bulawayo en route to Luanshya was our beloved Sister Spear and her son Vernon. We regret that they were unable to stay over and meet the rest of the branch.

Sister Jean Wood has been transferred to Gwelo, where we hope she will be very happy and we know that she will continue with her good work. Members of the Bulawayo branch are sure to miss her, as she was always most willing to help, no matter what capacity.

Jean Storey is in charge of the Improvement Era drive and we understand we are to have a Cumorah's Southern Messenger drive also. We wish them success.

DURBAN BRANCH

by Joyce Wahlburn

We had a lovely baptismal service here on the 22nd May. Sisters Glenda Townsend and Lesley Ouwerkerk of Durban and Brother and Sister Holmes and their daughter Emmerentia, of Pietermaritzburg were baptised at this time.

Visitors to the branch this month include Brother and Sister van Brandwijk and Brother and Sister Danny Patterson of Krugersdorp, Brother and Sister Campbell of Rhodesia, and Brother Carl Kunitz of Pretoria.

Winter's train of illness has called at the Henning home, the Roux family and several others. Sister Ivy McLellan has had another bad fall and is at present in the Addington Hospital.

We extend to Branch President Ray Willson and his family, our very sincere condolences on the very tragic deaths of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Willson, at Eston on the 10th June.

MIA held their Rose Prom on the 11th June and a very lovely affair it was. The hall was decorated on a fairyland theme. There were two bands present and a very happy crowd of well over a hundred people in attendance.

We rejoice with the De Klerk family and the Bayley family, at the arrival of a much-wanted daughter for Sister Marty de Klerk, and a lovely baby boy for Sister Connie Bayley.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

by Rita Corrigan

The most outstanding event of the month was the visit of the two Travelling Elders, Elder Barker and Hubert, who spoke to the members at Sacrament service on Sunday, 29th May. Those in attendance were forcibly reminded that each member of the Church is a missionary, and with the ushering in of the "New Era" every individual must put his shoulder to the wheel in this great and glorious task.

We were also happy to have Brother and Sister Ernest Doller of Port Elizabeth with us during

Brother and Sister Krull have found it necessary to make another move and they are now living at Cambridge. We sincerely hope that this new place will help Eric's asthma.

Several of the branch members are on the sick list, Sister Wewege, Sister Bussey and Dennis and Sister van der Merwe. We pray that they will soon be restored to their normal health.

The Relief Society has gone into recess but the small branch Primary continues to hold classes and the children attending are very enthusiastic about their new lessons.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

by Elaine Strydom

Krugersdorp branch is still very actively selling bricks for the Building Fund. Those participating are full of enthusiasm.

We are pleased that all our holiday makers are back with us safe and sound.

Sister Margaret Quick sprang a surprise on the branch with the announcement of her marriage to Bob Watson. We pray the Lord will bless this lovely couple throughout all their days. The branch gave a surprise Kitchen Party to Sister Margaret.

Once again we are pleased to welcome into the branch some new members. Brother and Sister Scott and their two lovely daughters were baptised into the Church on the 12th June and we pray that this will be a day that they will remember and that they will be happy in the service of the Lord in the Krugersdorp branch.

LUANSHYA BRANCH

by Jeanne Charsley

This month we wish to extend our deepest sympathy and love to Sister Aletta Terblanche on the loss of her mother; and to Sister Johanna van Deventer on the loss of her father. May the Lord bless and comfort them.

We welcome back to the branch from their stay in the Union, Sister Spear and Vernon.

We all enjoyed very much President Fisher's last conference

with us. It was with deepest disappointment that we learned of Sister Fisher's illness and her inability to attend the services. May the Lord bless them and be with them now as they leave our land. At a small gathering after the meeting they were presented with a small gift in remembrance of the times they have spent with us.

At conference President Fisher presented the first Priesthood Awards ever given in the Federation. Brothers Beauford Charsley and Johann van Deventer received their Teacher's award and Brother Douglas Charsley, Jr., received his Deacon's award. We congratulate these brethren on their diligence. May they always serve the Lord faithfully.

Sister Gertruida Fourie has been very ill just recently and we pray that she will be made well soon.

MOWBRAY BRANCH

by Beatrice Smith

At our evening service on 29th May, we paid tribute to the 50 years of Union. The entire programme had a truly South African flavour. The singing of "Die Stem" by the congregation was one of the stirring events of the occasion.

Brother and Sister Bob Smith celebrated the Union's anniversary on the 31st, when their baby son, Robert Hyrum, was born. Another very new member is little Sister Audrey Osman who was born on 6th June to Brother Ernest and Sheila Osman. Our congratulations to these folks.

Our deepest sympathy is tendered to Mr. George Tarr and family on the death of Sister Ethel Tarr on 12th June. May they be comforted in their sorrow.

The Relief Society sisters had an "at-home" party for Sister Fisher on 2nd June. On behalf of the sisters, Sister Ivy Fourie presented Sister Fisher with a protea plaque.

We offer our sympathy to Brother and Sister Ray Willson of Durban in their tragic loss. We pray the Lord will bless and comfort them in their grief.

The MIA staged their Rose Prom on 3rd June. This was really

one of the happiest functions we have had for a long while. The hall was decorated to represent Davy Jones' Locker. A wonderful "seafood" supper was served by the young MIA Maids. After which, there was dancing. We are grateful to all who assisted, especially Brother Clive Nicholls who was responsible for the decorations.

We were happy to welcome the Halse family from Salt Lake City. They have come to the land of their birth for a short vacation. It was splendid to meet them again and to listen to their news of those South Africans who have made their home in the States.

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH

by Joan Ball

On the 22nd May we all went to Durban to witness the baptism of three new members, Brother and Sister Holmes and Emmareatia Herbst, and also little Diane Morrissey. We extend a very warm welcome to them and our hearty congratulations. It is indeed wonderful to have our branch growing the way it is. We may have our chapel sooner than we think!

There has been a lot of illness in the branch but I am happy to say that all who were on the sick list are recovering now. We pray that they all will have their normal health and strength soon.

On the 15th June, we were very privileged to have Elders Harold Coad and Dennis Bullock with us. They have just completed their missionary labours and are on their way home. We arranged a lovely farewell party for them which was enjoyed by all. We pray that the Lord will bless them always and that their future lives will be exemplary.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

by Madge McHugh

The Priesthood held a Progressive Dinner and everyone enjoyed themselves.

A Festival service was held in commemoration of the Union of South Africa and everyone enjoyed singing the well-known hymns and listening to the speakers who spoke

on the flag and the settlers in South Africa.

We congratulate Brother Eric Everton and Gwen on the occasion of their wedding. We wish them happiness together in the future.

We send greetings to all members everywhere.

PRETORIA BRANCH

by Maitha Lion-Cachet

It is with pleasure that we report that Sister Pat Harvey has been called on a mission for the Church and will leave Pretoria at the end of June. She is the first missionary to be called from the Pretoria branch and we hope that there will be more in the future. We also pray that she may be very happy in her missionary work and wish her all the best in this wonderful work she has been called to do.

District Conference was held on the 5th June at Ramah and at the same time it was a farewell to President and Sister Fisher who will soon be leaving us. We will all miss them greatly for they have taught us so many things and showed to us the wonderful blessings that we can expect if we only live the Gospel. May the Lord bless them and keep them.

Two cake sales were held on the 14th and 16th June and we wish to thank all those who so gladly and joyfully baked for it. It was a great success and a sum of £25 was made for the Building Fund.

We wish to express our condolences to Brother and Sister Bertherton in their bereavement.

The District Presidency visited us on the 29th May and it was a great pleasure to have them with us.

PRIMROSE BRANCH

by Minnie Rautenbach

Brother Potgieter was baptised on 14th June and we welcome him into the branch.

The first reading of the bans of Sister Marie Le Roux and Brother Eric Landsberg was given on the 14th June.

We hope that all those on the sick list will be better soon.

Brother and Sister Degenaar have moved to Krugersdorp. Sister Brummer to Olifantsfontein and Brother and Sister Bob Short are back from Swaziland.

Building Funds are swelling slowly but surely especially by the cake sales organized by Sister Norbury.

The Relief Society is now in recess but the sisters have organized a choir and are practising every week at the home of Sister Le Roux.

Genealogy President Mercia Tewson and her councillors, Sister Hefer and Sister Cubb, were sustained on the 14th June.

It is with sad hearts that we say goodbye to President and Sister Fisher. God bless them always for the love and understanding they share with the South African Saints.

RAMAH BRANCH

by Mariam Nicholls

The 15th May was the anniversary of the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood and several of our young men holding that Priesthood presented a lovely programme.

President Chater held a braai-veils and film and games' evening at his home for the members of the Aaronic Priesthood and their wives and friends. This proved a grand evening which everyone present enjoyed. We wish to thank President Chater for the use of his home and all people concerned who helped to make it such a happy affair.

The Pandemonium Pantomime was performed for the second time on the 27th May with a few new acts. The concert had a very pleasant supporting programme which all present enjoyed.

The Transvaal District MIA held their Rose Prom on Friday, 3rd June. The hall was beautifully decorated with roses.

The District Conference was held on 5th June and was really inspiring and well attended. Those present had made a special effort to attend as it was the farewell of President and Sister Fisher. It was really a sad day for we shall really miss dear Sister Fisher with

her gentle voice and loving ways and President Fisher for his wonderful speeches full of wisdom and also his kindly personality. We hate losing them, but we wish them bon voyage and every blessing in the future. We shall think of them often. President I. C. Louw presented them with a gift from the Transvaal District. A fireside was held following the evening meeting.

Brother Chris Louw married his lovely bride, Miss du Plessis, on Saturday, 4th June. It was a lovely day and a beautiful wedding. We wish the happy couple a very happy future.

Sister Virginia Schaffer and her husband were married at Ramah on the 13th June. We wish them a wonderful married life.

Brother Perry and his family have had a very bad month of sickness and we do wish them a speedy recovery.

Ramah also said goodbye to Elder Bullock on Sunday, 12th June. He has finished his mission and is on his way home. May the Lord bless him.

SALISBURY BRANCH

by Jean Schonnberg

The Salisbury branch had the pleasure of a visit from President and Sister Fisher on the 28th and 29th May, though the occasion was saddened by the fact that it was the last time they would be with us. President and Sister have made it easy for us to love them and our hearts are with them at this time. We offer our thanks for their years of service and pray our Heavenly Father will continue to shower them with blessings.

On the 28th May the Relief Society arranged a banquet in their honour. It was a happy evening and a set of copper serviette rings was presented to them as a token of appreciation from the Branch. The Relief Society presented Sister Fisher with a flame lily brooch.

During the evening meeting the members of the Branch Presidency were released from office. Brother Kenneth Trotter was sustained as Branch President, Brother Len Clark as First Counsellor and

Brother George Fisher as Second Counsellor. We offer our thanks to the retiring President, Brother Hugh Hodkiss and his counsellors for their untiring efforts on behalf of the branch and pray that the Lord will continue to bless them.

We were sorry to bid farewell to Elder Youd and hope he will find happiness in his new field of labour. Elder Rudolph Varga has arrived to replace him and our prayers are with him that his labours here in Salisbury will be of rich benefit.

The Salisbury branch sends greetings to all branches in the South African Mission with the wish that they may ever be strong in the work of the Lord.

SPRINGS BRANCH

by N. C. van Niekerk

Welcome visitors to the branch this month were Brother Duncan from Durban and Brother Eroid Kelly from Romah.

A service commemorating the 50th year of the Union of South Africa was conducted by the Branch Presidency on the 29th May.

On the 19th June the District Presidency once again paid us a visit. President I. C. Louw represented the Mission Presidency. During the Sacrament service President Ken Powrie paid tribute to President I. C. Louw and his family and to Brother and Sister Troskie for the very fine work these two families have rendered to the Church. President Powrie recalled 10 years of association with the Louws and Troskies and wished these fine people a safe trip to their respective destinations. The Troskie family are soon to return to America and the Louw family are migrating to Canada in the very near future. Both these good families will be a great loss to our branch, but we sincerely join President Powrie in bidding them God speed.

Brother Ramond E. S. Phillips was sustained as Second Counsellor in the branch presidency. Brother Val van Niekerk was sustained as Finance Clerk and Brother Wilfred K. MacMillan as Branch Clerk.

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Hearken, O ye who have given your names to go forth to proclaim my gospel, and to prune my vineyard.

Behold, I say unto you that it is my will that you should go forth and not tarry, neither be idle but labour with your might—

Lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trumpet, proclaiming the truth according to the revelations and commandments which I have given you.

And thus, if ye are faithful ye shall be laden with many sheaves, and crowned with honour, and glory, and immortality, and eternal life.

Doctrine and Covenants 75:2-5.